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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2016 as "Brain Aneurysm
2 Awareness Month" and September 24, 2016, as "Brain Aneurysm
3 Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, An estimated 1 out of every 50 people in the United
5 States has a brain aneurysm; and

6 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysms are most likely to occur in people
7 between 35 and 60 years of age and there are typically no
8 warning signs; and

9 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysms are more likely to occur in women
10 than in men by a three to two ratio; and

11 WHEREAS, Various risk factors can contribute to the formation
12 of a brain aneurysm, including smoking, hypertension and a
13 family history of brain aneurysms; and

14 WHEREAS, Approximately 6 million people in the United States
15 have a brain aneurysm; and

16 WHEREAS, An unruptured brain aneurysm can lead to double
17 vision, vision loss, loss of sensation, weakness, loss of

1 balance, incoordination and speech problems; and

2 WHEREAS, A brain aneurysm is often discovered when it
3 ruptures and causes a subarachnoid hemorrhage; and

4 WHEREAS, A subarachnoid hemorrhage can lead to brain damage,
5 hydrocephalus, stroke and death; and

6 WHEREAS, Each year, more than 30,000 people in the United
7 States suffer from ruptured brain aneurysms and 40% of these
8 people die as a result; and

9 WHEREAS, Annually, between 3,000 and 4,500 people in the
10 United States with ruptured brain aneurysms die before reaching
11 the hospital; and

12 WHEREAS, A number of advancements have been made in recent
13 years regarding the detection of aneurysms, including the
14 computerized tomography scan, the magnetic resonance imaging
15 test and the cerebral arteriogram, and early detection can save
16 lives; and

17 WHEREAS, Various research studies are currently being
18 conducted in the United States in order to better understand,
19 prevent and treat brain aneurysms; and

20 WHEREAS, Brain aneurysm survivors, their families and
21 friends, along with families and friends who lost a loved one to
22 a brain aneurysm, are working tirelessly across this
23 Commonwealth to raise funding for those research studies; and

24 WHEREAS, The Pittsburgh Brain Aneurysm Run/Walk has been
25 established as a new resource for those efforts; and

26 WHEREAS, The 3rd annual event for the Pittsburgh Brain
27 Aneurysm Run/Walk will be held at Pittsburgh's Northshore
28 Riverfront Park on Saturday, September 24, 2016; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of September
30 2016 as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month" and September 24, 2016,

1 as "Brain Aneurysm Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize, commend and support the
4 organizers, volunteers and participants of the Pittsburgh Brain
5 Aneurysm Run/Walk and wish them great success.